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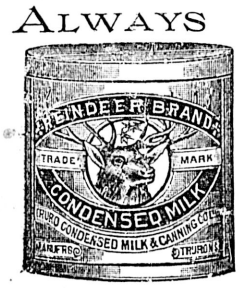

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For Applicants.

Ottawa, December 11th, 1895. de19-6t-oaw

Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The usual Christmas donations of all kinds will be thankfully received at the Hospital, or if intending donors will kindly drop a postal card to Mr. Robert Jenkinson, the House Steward, he will send to any address named and gladly take charge of any gifts. de19td

THE VICTORIA

Liberal Conservative

ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Victoria Liberal Conservative Association will be held on

Thursday Evening, December 19th, 1895

AT 8 O'CLOCK,
AT THE ADELPHI HALL,

Corner Government and Yates Streets.

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SALISBURY'S DESPATCH.

The British Premier Admits the Monroe Doctrine is Entitled to Respectful Consideration.

Will Not Agree That the U. S. Are Interested in Every Frontier Dispute.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The following is the concluding portion of Lord Salisbury's dispatch of November 10:

"In the remarks which I have made, I have argued on the theory that the Monroe doctrine in itself is sound. I must not, however, be understood as expressing any acceptance of it on the part of Her Majesty's government. It must always be mentioned with respect, on account of the distinguished statesman to whom it was due, and the great nation which has adopted it. But international law is founded on the general consent of nations, and no statesman, however eminent, and no nation, however powerful, are competent to insert into the code of international law a novel principle which was never recognized before and which has not since been accepted by the government of any other country. The United States have a right, like any other nation, to intervene in any controversy by which their own interests are affected, and they are the judges whether those interests are touched, and in what measure they should be sustained. But their rights are in no way strengthened or extended by the fact that the controversy affects some territory which is called America. Mr. Olney quotes the case of the recent Chilean war, in which the United States declined to join with France and England in an effort to bring hostilities to a close on account of the Monroe doctrine. The United States were entirely in the right in declining to join in an attempt at pacification if they thought fit, but Mr. Olney's principle, that 'American questions are for American decision,' even if it received any countenance from the language of President Monroe, which it does not, cannot be sustained by any reasoning drawn from the law of nations. The government of the United States is not entitled to affirm as a universal proposition, with reference to a number of independent states for whose conduct it assumes no responsibility, that its interests are necessarily concerned in whatever may befall those states simply because they are situated in the western hemisphere. It may well be said that the interests of the United States are affected by something that happens to Chili or Peru and the circumstances may give them the right of interference, but such a contingency may equally happen in the case of China or Japan, and the right of interference is not more extensive or more assured in the one case than in the other.

"Though the language of President Monroe is directed to the attainment of objects which most Englishmen would agree to be salutary, it is impossible to admit that they have been inscribed by any adequate authority in the code of international law, and the danger which such admission would involve is sufficiently exhibited, both by the strong development which the doctrine has received at Mr. Olney's hands and the arguments from which it is supported in the despatch under reply. In defence of it he says: 'That the distance of 3,000 miles of intervening ocean makes any permanent political union between a European and an American state unnatural and inexpedient will hardly be denied. But physical and geographical considerations are the least of the objections to such a union. Europe has a set of primary interests which are peculiar to herself. America is not interested in them, and ought not to be vexed or complicated with them.' And again: 'Thus far in our history we have been spared the burdens and evils of immense standing armies and all the other accessories of huge warlike establishments, and the exemption has highly contributed to our national greatness and wealth, as well as to the happiness of every citizen. But with the powers of Europe camped on American soil the ideal conditions we have thus far enjoyed cannot be expected to continue.' The necessary meaning of these words is that the union between Great Britain and Canada; between Great Britain and Jamaica and Trinidad; between Great Britain and British Honduras or British Guiana, is 'inexpedient and unnatural.' President Monroe disclaims any such inference from his doctrine; but in this, as in other respects, Mr. Olney develops it. He lays down that the inexpedient and unnatural character of the union between a European and an American state is so obvious that 'it will hardly be denied.' Her Majesty's government is prepared emphatically to deny it on behalf of both the British and American people who are subject to her crown. They maintain that the union between Great Britain and her territories in the Western Hemisphere is both natural and expedient. They fully concur with the view which President Monroe apparently entertained, that any disturbance of the existing territorial distribution in that hemisphere by any fresh acquisitions on the part of any European state would be a highly inexpedient change. But they are not prepared to admit that the recognition of that expediency is clothed with the sanction which belongs to the doctrine of international law. They are not prepared to admit that the interests of the United States are necessarily concerned in every frontier dispute which may arise between any two of the states who possess dominion in the Western hemisphere, and still less can they accept the doctrine that the United States is entitled to claim that the process of arbitration shall be applied to any demand for the surrender of territory which one of those states may make against another.

"I have commented in the above remarks only upon the general aspect of Mr. Olney's doctrines, apart from the special considerations which attach to the controversy between the United Kingdom and Venezuela in its present phase. This controversy has undoubtedly been made more difficult by the inconsiderate action of the Venezuelan government in breaking off relations with Her Majesty's government, and its settlement has been correspondingly delayed, but Her Majesty's government has not surrendered the hope that it will be adjusted by a reasonable arrangement at an early date. I request that you will read the substance of the above dispatch to Mr. Olney, and leave him a copy if he desires it."

In his closing note Lord Salisbury rapidly traces the history of negotiations down to 1887, when the situation had become so acute, owing to the Venezuelan demands for an evacuation of the disputed territory by Great Britain that the British representative at Caracas received his passports and diplomatic relations were declared by Venezuela to be suspended. Great Britain has from the first held to the same view as to the extent of her territory. She is willing to arbitrate a portion of her claims. As regards the rest, within the Schomberg line, they do not consider that the rights of Great Britain are open to question. If the concessions which Great Britain has been willing to make from time to time have diminished it has been because she is unwilling to surrender to foreign rule control over her subjects who have gradually colonized the country.

In conclusion, Lord Salisbury says: "Although the negotiations in 1890, 1891 and 1893 did not lead to any result, Her Majesty's government has not abandoned the hope that they may be resumed with better success. Her Majesty's government are sincerely desirous of being on friendly relations with Venezuela, and have no desire to seize territory that properly belongs to her, or forcibly to extend sovereignty over any portion of her population. They have, on the contrary, repeatedly expressed their readiness to submit to arbitration the conflicting claims of Great Britain and Venezuela to large tracts of territory, which from their auriferous nature are known to be of almost untold value. But they cannot consent to submit to the arbitration of any power, or any foreign jurists, however eminent, claims based on the extravagant pretensions of Spanish officials involving the transfer of large numbers of British subjects, who have for years enjoyed the settled rule of the British colony, to a nation of different race and language whose political system is subject to frequent disturbances and whose institutions too often afford very inadequate protection to life and property. No issue of this description has ever been involved in the questions which Great Britain and the United States have consented to submit to arbitration, and her Majesty's government are convinced that in similar circumstances the government of the United States would be equally firm in declining to entertain proposals of such a nature.

OUR OTTAWA SPECIAL.

Land in the Northwest Set Aside for Father Lacombe's Reservation.

Encouraging Reports of the Growth of Trade Between Canada and Australia

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The government has decided to set apart four townships in the Territories for Father Lacombe's reservation scheme.

Last summer the Imperial government published, as a state paper for distribution in England, a descriptive account of the different provinces of Canada, prepared under Hon. Mr. Daly's direction. The plan having proved successful, the department of the interior is now collecting from the different provinces reports of the season's crops, which will be embodied in a single report and transmitted to the colonial office for similar publication.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Adolphe Caron and Hon. Mr. Daly left for Montreal to-night to attend the banquet to Mr. Sergeant, the retiring general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Commissioner Lake by to-day's mail transmits encouraging reports of the growth of trade between Canada and Australia.

Information received by the fisheries department shows that the six sealing vessels which were seized on the Russian Asiatic coast some time ago are United States vessels. Ten members of the crews are in prison.

The World's Fair Tests showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leavening power as the Royal.

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CLEVELAND'S POLICY.

The "Times" Considers That He Has Adopted an Aggressive Course With Levity.

Is He Mad, or Has He Been Hypnotized by Olney?—Significant Comments.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Times says in an editorial remarking upon the American legal and lay opinion which is already denouncing President Cleveland says: "A curious evidence of the levity with which Mr. Cleveland has adopted an aggressive policy is found in the fact that he actually reduces the Monroe doctrine to a nullity by admitting that America cannot object to any boundary adjustment that Venezuela chooses to make of her own free will. England might possibly effect some very remarkable adjustments by offering Venezuela one-half the money Senator Chandler proposes for war purposes, in which case, according to President Cleveland, the U.S. would have nothing to say to the great extension of European influence on the American continent. When the matter comes to be weighed the American people are not likely to place unlimited confidence in a man showing so little genuine appreciation of a doctrine of which he has made temporary capital, and when they realize the monstrous and insulting character of the demand preferred in their name they will recognize our attitude as the only attitude that men of their blood could possibly adopt, or that they could see us adopt, without a blush"

The Pall Mall Gazette ridicules the whole matter, saying "it flashed across us at first that President Cleveland was mad, and second, that he was hypnotized by Mr. Olney, who was hypnotized by Mr. Lodge. But it is only an election address and we advise Mr. Cleveland to appeal to the country immediately, before the Americans have time to study the Olney doctrine. But we fear that even now it is too late for the world has already given the word, 'Bugaboo,' alas! 'Bugaboo.'"

The Globe remarks: "No self-respecting nation would for a moment entertain such pretensions, and no one doubts that President Cleveland's heroics are due to politics. His Sackville action shows the lengths to which he is prepared to go in the sacred cause of spread-eagleism. Exceedingly inopportune is the tune of bluff and bluster when the strongest ministry of modern times is in office. The mere possibility of war between the two great nations, with common ancestry and interests is too dreadful to contemplate; but it would not be wise for American statesmen to confide too much in the amiable sentiment that blood is thicker than water or to imagine thet England can be intimidated. President Cleveland must also reckon with France if he insists upon carrying out his modern construction of the Monroe doctrine in its entirety."

The Evening Standard states that "It seems impossible for any public man to issue a document in such offensive terms. It is a fresh attempt for the Irish vote and the tag-rag of the large towns."

PARIS, Dec. 18.—La Republique Francaise says; "It is in every way a big affair which has fallen into Lord Salisbury's hand. They would not be sorry in London to draw the United States into a quarrel in view of our frontier troubles with Brazil. But they must not imagine that we shall hasten to play upon this occasion the game of diplomacy of Great Britain, who is isolated in the east and far east. We shall be curious and amused to see what steps she will take respecting ill-tempered brother Jonathan, in view of her policy of independent action."

EX-MANAGER SERGEANT.

Farewell Dinner in the City of Montreal—A Well Merited Tribute.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—About three hundred and twenty-five people comprising prominent people of this and other cities, and a large number of leading Canadian and United States railway men were present last night at the banquet to Mr. Sergeant, retiring general manager of the Grand Trunk. The government was represented by Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Adolphe Caron, Hon. Messrs. Costigan, Ives, Ouimet and Wood. Lieut. Governor Chapleau was present, but Hon. Mr. Laurier was unable to attend. The chairman was Sir Alexander Lacoste. Mr. Sergeant's speech in reply to the toast of "Our Guest" was a splendid effort. Sir Mackenzie Bowell and others made happy addresses, eulogizing the guest of the evening.

WILL NOT CONSENT.

Manitoba Will Not Agree to the Establishment of Separate Schools.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Attorney-General Sifton returned from the East this afternoon. To a reporter he said that the local cabinet would meet on Friday or Saturday and a reply to the Dominion government on the schools matter forwarded at once. It would be to the effect that Manitoba could not consent to the re-establishment of separate schools.

Fell & Co.'s, Ltd., have received a large consignment of new nuts. x

For a glass of nice hot punch call at Adelphi corner. M. C. Brown. x

A large assortment of Bon Bons at Fell & Co.'s, Ltd. x

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Drowning of a Cheam Indian—Census-Taking Begun at Westminster.

Vancouver's Ratepayers' Association and the Reforms It Proposes—The Mining Country.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—Dr. Lewis Hall, of Victoria, Grand Chief Templar, addressed the Good Templars of Vancouver, last night, on the occasion of an entertainment given in his honor.

The executive of the Ratepayers' Association has adopted the municipal platform of the Nationalists and chosen the following gentlemen as its candidates: For mayor: Ald. Bethune; for aldermen: Mr. James Ramsay, Ald. Clendenning, Ald. Brown, W. S. McDonald, Ald. McDonald, John McCrae. The platform adopted by the executive is most radical in principle. Further reduction of the tax on improvements was unanimously endorsed. Other planks in the platform are abolition of the poll tax and abolition of the property qualification for mayor and aldermen. All entitled to vote at the civic election are to be allowed to vote on money by-laws. Mayor Collins did all he could to check the rush of radical resolutions.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 18.—The taking of the census was commenced this week.

The seasonable and healthful amusement of coasting down the public highways is to be stopped by the police as dangerous to foot passengers.

Word comes that a Cheam Indian named Joseph was drowned at the junction of the Fraser and Harrison rivers last Friday by slipping from his canoe into the water.

The medical societies of Vancouver and Westminster dined together at the Merchants' Exchange to-night.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 18.—Messrs. Dennison, Scoville, McAloney, H. Darling of the Union Steamship Co., and Capt. Newcomb recently returned from an expedition in the neighborhood of Howe Sound, the outcome of which is likely to prove of no small importance to those concerned, if present prospects are in any way fulfilled. These gentlemen have located an immense quartz ledge somewhere near the head of Howe Sound, and such specimens of rock as they have so far examined give unmistakable indications of the great richness in gold, copper and silver. Silver is shown to predominate in the amalgam already made.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Rossland Miner.)

The showing on the Gopher continues to improve. The ore body is now from eight to ten feet wide.

Marked improvement has occured in both the Crown Point and the Iron Horse.

The compressor plant of the Centre Star is ready for service.

John A. Finch has bonded for his syndicate the Tiger and Uncle Sam for $30,000, and R. K. Neal is here to begin work immediately.

The ore blockade continues. Not a pound is now going out of the camp owing to the failure of wagon transportation. There is not enough snow for sledges and too much for wagons. The War Eagle has shut down except in development work, and the Le Roi has 3,000 tons of ore piled up awaiting removal.

John Moynahan has been made superintendent of the Le Roi. He is a very capable man. The quality of the ore in the Le Roi continues to improve with depth nor does there seem to be any falling off in extent. The shaft is now down 420 feet. If the width of the vein is maintained to the 450-foot level, where a station is to be made, Judge Turner, the manager, estimates he will have 100,000 tons of high grade ore practically in sight.

Very satisfactory progress is now being made in smelting of the Trail smelter. A furnace was set going last week but work had been suspended owing to the failure of the smelter company to make the necessary payments to the receiver for the contractors. Meantime, however, Mr. Breen saw that the construction work was kept well in hand. Most of the machinery is in place, the buildings are inclosed and the big smokestack is pressing skyward. It now looks as though the fires would be set going by the 1st of January. The first instalment of coke is already on the way.

NELSON.

(From the Tribune.)

A. S. Farwell is doing a lot of claim surveying on the mountain back of town.

John H. Klock, formerly assayer at the Blue Bell mine, but who has been in Chicago for over three years, is again employed at the Blue Bell.

McVicker Bros. & McCuish have struck a fine body of ore in the north drift of the Mile Point claim on the second level. The pay streak is at least two feet thick and carries considerable ruby silver. They intend to sink the incline shaft 75 feet deeper and then drift. The water is not very troublesome.

It requires considerable rustling to supply the camps and towns in Southern Kootenay with beef. This week P. Burns received 200 head of beef cattle from the Okanagan country. Sixty-five head were held at Rossland and the remainder were brought to Nelson, where 50 head were forwarded on to Three Forks. Mr. Burns alone requires nearly 200 head a month to keep his markets at Nelson, Kaslo, Three Forks, Sandon, Rossland and Trail supplied.

It must be admitted that the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson is an industrial enterprise that will be of great benefit to British Columbia. To be of the greatest benefit, its owners must of necessity keep the expense of treating ore at the lowest possible figure. One of the items of expense in operating smelters is the cost of fuel. Fuel, such as coke, must from necessity be brought from distant points. Coke for the Hall Mines smelter is purchased in the United States, and shipped in by way of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, a road that cannot deliver the coke at the smelter because of its not having track connection with the road that has a sidetrack or spur right alongside the smelter. The road that has the sidetrack or spur is the Canadian Pacific, and its managers absolutely refuse to allow the Nelson & Fort Sheppard the privilege of making a connection unless the latter allows it running privileges over five miles of road. More; its managers threaten to enjoin the Nelson and Fort Sheppard if even an attempt is made to extend its track into the town of Nelson. Because of this action, the managers of the Hall Mines smelter are forced to build a wagon road from the smelter to a railway siding, a mile and a half distant, over which all coke used at the smelter will be hauled by teams.

CLAIM JUMPING.

The Conviction of the Men Who Jumped the "Homestake" Will Have a Good Effect.

(From the Nelson Tribune.)

The action of justice of the peace Topping and Newton at Rossland in committing the two men who jumped the Homestake mine to stand trial for conspiracy will have a good effect. It is not likely that the case will come to trial, for the men are out on bail and have left the country. The mineral act should be amended so that mining recorders would have the right to refuse to record any location notice known to conflict with a prior record. In the Homestake case, as an instance, the mining recorder knew that the notice tendered him for record covered the Homestake mine, and he stated as much to the men presenting the record; but he had no discretion, and the notice was received and recorded. Within an hour the fact was telegraphed to interested parties in Spokane, and the parties that had negotiated the sale of the Homestake were obliged to lose $7,500, that being the amount asked by the jumpers for their interest in the property. If the mining recorder had had the right to reject notices known to be for locations covering recorded claims, jumpers would have no standing until their notices were put on record.

[From the Rossland Miner.]

The Miner never had a doubt as to the position the judiciary would take on this subject. There is but one position that could be taken by an honest, fair-minded judiciary, and that is against claim jumping from start to finish. It is an intolerable evil that must be stamped out root and branch. A man's mining claim ought to be as sacred from molestation as his money or his watch, and others have no more moral right to go and take it than they would have the moral right to take a man's money or his watch if he happened to have it in an exposed situation. The claim jumper takes what is not his own and we see no reason why he should be spared the punishment usually extended to those who commit offences of this character.

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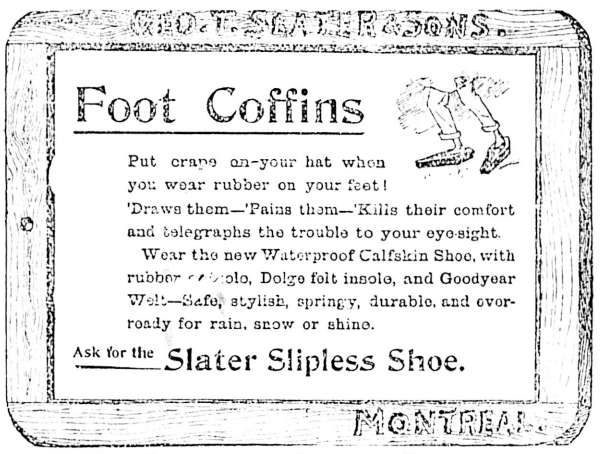

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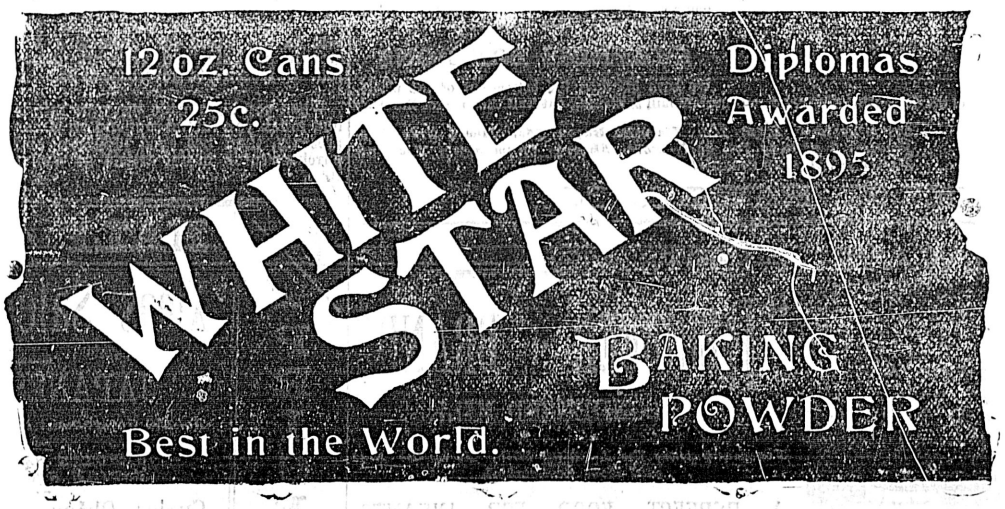

NEWSPAPER OPINIONS.

What is Said by Some of the Papers Regarding President Cleveland's Pretensions

"The Difficulties That Have Arisen Are Grave"—"Britain Will Reject the Demand"

LONDON, Dec. 18.—All the morning papers devote more or less of their editorial space to a discussion of President Cleveland's message on the Venezuelan question, and to the merits of that question itself. The Daily Telegraph, Liberal, will publish an editorial contending that Americans have no concern in the Venezuelan dispute. The editorial goes on to say: "In truth, this assertion of the Monroe doctrine seems on this side of the water to be irrelevant, because there is no question of territorial greed or the imposition of a European system. It is absurd, because a statement of an American policy can hardly claim to attain the rank of a principle of international law. By what right does the Washington City government demand the arbitration of this matter, when the very theory which guides their interference has absolutely nothing to do with the points in dispute? What nation has ever agreed to the Monroe doctrine? How often has the Washington City government itself ventured to advance it? We say nothing to the process of twisting the lion's tail generally resorted to at times of electoral excitement. Yet if it be true that all this zealous support of Venezuela originates in partisan intrigues there is still less reason why we should submit to what, from a British standpoint, is a wholly perverse and inadmissible claim."

The Daily Graphic says editorially: "The epitaph of the Monroe doctrine has been written in the Venezuelan correspondence. Mr. Cleveland's message is a document which self-respecting Americans will not read with either pride or pleasure. It only serves to illustrate another of the inherent absurdities of the modern interpretation of the Monroe doctrine. President Cleveland does not propose to instruct Mr. Bayard to demand his passports, nor does he contemplate an invasion of Canada or an expedition to Demerara. He is struck by the awkward fact that he must first ascertain what there is to fight about. Does President Cleveland seriously think that we can admit the proposition that the frontiers of European colonies in the two Americas are to be held at the good pleasure of a committee of Washington City gentlemen? What would the United States have said in 1848 if, as an American power, we had advanced the claim, based on this principle, to protect Mexico from a wantonly aggressive war by which President Cleveland's predecessors settled the Texan boundary dispute?"

The Times says: It is impossible to estimate the gravity of the difficulties that have arisen between Great Britain and the United States. President Cleveland's message and its reception by both sides of the senate gives additional importance to the dispatches between Washington City and London. The details of the boundary dispute are insignificant in comparison with the far-reaching claims advanced in Mr. Olney's dispatch and emphasized in President Cleveland's message. Convinced, as we are, that a rupture between the two great English-speaking communities would be a calamity not only to themselves but to the civilized world, we are nevertheless driven to the conclusion that the concessions this country is so imperiously summoned to make are such as no self-respecting nation, least of all one ruling an empire that has its roots in every quarter of the globe, could possibly submit to. The United States themselves would never for a moment dream of yielding to this kind of dictation. We are of the same blood, and shall not be less careful of our national honor. We can hardly believe the course threatened by President Cleveland will be seriously adopted by the American government, but, if so, it is incumbent upon us, without entering upon any aggressive measures, to protect our Imperial interests and to stand up for our rights under international law.

The Times then proceeds to argue that the Monroe doctrine has never been recognized as international law, and quotes Lord Salisbury's admission that any disturbance of the existing territorial distribution in the western hemisphere by any European state would be highly inexpedient, and then continues: "But the recognition of this expediency does not cover the preposterous deductions which Mr. Olney's dispatch advances and which Mr. Cleveland makes the basis of the most astounding proposal that has perhaps ever been advanced by any government in times of peace since the days of Napoleon. We desire to speak with all proper reserve, but we confidently predict that Great Britain will not admit the pretensions put forward by President Cleveland. No commission appointed by a power which is not a party to the dispute will be recognized by us as having a title of any sort to pronounce upon a boundary question. It will receive no assistance from European authorities. Its decision will be null and void from the outset, even if its origin did not taint it with partiality. We shall be very much astonished if there is any disagreement among the organs of public opinion in this country as to the manner in which the claim should be confronted."

The Times contends further that England is bound to resist the extended claim of Monroeism, any says; "A power which has command of the sea does not regard 3,000 miles of intervening ocean as severing it from its subjects."

The Standard, the Conservative organ, in an editorial, says: "This extraordinary document will receive from English publicists more dispassionate treatment than the decidedly provocative nature of its contents renders altogether easy. It was prepared by the responsible head of a state, and will probably receive the formal assent of congress. Englishmen must, therefore, take it seriously, and refrain from speculations that would otherwise be attractive as to the utility, in view of the presidential election, of twisting the lion's tail. The position President Cleveland assumes is preposterous. No American citizen would for a moment dream of admitting its soundness in an analogous case in which the honor and interests of America were concerned. There can be but one answer. We decline to humiliate ourselves, and we refuse to accept the decision of Washington City in matters altogether out of its jurisdiction." The remainder of the Standard's article is an echo of Lord Salisbury's argument, and it concludes by saying: "Great Britain will reject the demand as indignantly as congress would if America were asked to submit her title to Alaska to the judgment of partial umpires."

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PRESS ENDORSATIONS.

United States Newspapers Commend President Cleveland's Deliverance on the Venezuela Affair.

The N. Y. "World's" the Only Dissenting Deliverance—England Not a Foreign Nation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The editorial comments of most of the leading newspapers throughout the country, quite endorse the President's message irrespective of party politics. The Albany Press and Knickerbocker may be said to fairly reflect the general consensus of expressed opinion among Democratic papers when it says: "President Cleveland has silenced the tongues and closed the mouths of his carping critics with such abruptness that he has left most of them breathless and even gasping. His recommendations have every mark of sincerity. The policy outlined is sufficiently emphatic and the position he takes will receive the backing of every true son of America. 'John Bull' has had the side of his face slapped. If he turns the other side, another and heavier slap will be ready. That is what the message means."

Republican comment is scarcely less enthusiastic. The Buffalo Express, for instance, comments on the message as "bold and patriotic." "At last," the Express says, "the people of the United States will present a solid front with regard to our foreign policy, unbroken by partisan bickerings or jealousies. This is something which has never occurred before in our history as a nation. It is not too much, therefore to say that the message read to the houses of congress yesterday is the most important document which Grover Cleveland ever penned. It will be notice to European powers that if they trench on the Monroe doctrine they will have to deal, not with a party or faction, but with a whole people."

The New York World is almost alone in assuming a hostile tone with respect to the message. The World says in part: "President Cleveland's message to Congress, is a serious blunder. It is a blunder because it is based upon a wrong conception, because it is not sustained by international law or usage, and because it places the United States in a false position. The President in his message, like Secretary Olney in his despatches, assumes that the policy of Great Britain in Venezuela involves a menace to this country. Are our peace and safety as a nation, the integrity of our free institutions and the tranquil maintenance of our distinctive form of government threatened by an extension, however, unwarranted and arbitrary, of the English possessions in Venezuela? The serious nature of this 'Jingo' bugaboo is sufficiently indicated by pointing to Canada and to British Columbia on our very borders. England is not a 'foreign nation' in this hemisphere. Great Britain owns more territory on this continent than we do. If she had the hostile intention which the President's words impute, did she need to writ for a boundary dispute in distant Venezuela, with a hybrid race, to assail us or to menace our republican institutions? The assumption is absurd and with it falls the structure of ponderously patriotic rhetoric reared upon it by the President."

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A SHALLOW DECEIVER.

We are surprised at the Times. There is an incredulity that indicates, not sharpness or shrewdness, but idiocy or dishonesty. When the Times says that Col. Prior is not a Cabinet Minister "in the ordinary sense of the term," it directly contradicts the Prime Minister of the Dominion, who states distinctly that Mr. Prior is Privy Councillor and Cabinet Minister and has just as much voice in the affairs of the Dominion as he has. If this is not being a Cabinet Minister in the true sense of the words, then not a single member of the Government is a Cabinet Minister.

The Times stupidly and dishonestly accuses Col. Prior of deception in this matter. Nothing could be more frank and open than the course which Colonel Prior pursued. He, at the earliest moment practicable, took not only the members of the Conservative party, but every elector in the Province who reads the COLONIST into his confidence. On Tuesday evening he told the Conservative Association, the Macdonald Club and the press all that he knew about his appointment. He held back nothing. He read Sir Mackenzie Bowell's offer and his acceptance of that offer. He had hardly finished reading them when a telegram from the Premier confirming all that he had said in the clearest and most definite manner was placed in his hand. He immediately read that telegram to the meeting, so that on Wednesday morning the citizens of Victoria knew as much about Col. Prior's appointment as Col. Prior did himself.

It is a little remarkable that the Times did not publish one of these documents. In refraining from publishing them and at the same time accusing Col. Prior of deception the Times practises something that looks very like a fraud upon its readers. It not only did not tell them any of the truth but it did its best to lead them to believe what was not true. In order that there shall be no place for deception or falsification on the part of the Times, we reproduce here the telegrams relating to Col. Prior's appointment that were read at Tuesday night's meeting and published in yesterday morning's COLONIST.

THE OFFER.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Kindly ascertain from Prior if he will accept a controllership with a seat in the cabinet. This would give British Columbia a voice in the council.

(Signed) MACKENZIE BOWELL.

THE ACCEPTANCE.

Dear Sir:—Referring to the telegram you received from Sir Mackenzie Bowell, a copy of which you handed to me, and which reads as follows, namely: "Kindly ascertain from Prior if he will accept a controllership with a seat in the cabinet. This would give British Columbia a voice in council." After consideration with my colleague and consultation with some of our principal supporters, I have no hesitation in accepting the position as stated above. Yours faithfully,

E. G. PRIOR.

CONFIRMATION STRONG.

Montreal, Dec. 17.

Hon. E. G. Prior, Victoria:

Governor Dewdney wires me there is a misunderstanding as to your status in the government. You are Controller of Inland Revenue, Privy Councillor, and a member of the Cabinet, and have just as much voice in the affairs of the Dominion as I have. I would have offered you nothing less.

(Signed) MACKENZIE BOWELL.

The man who, after reading these telegrams, denies that Col. Prior is a Cabinet Minister, must be either a downright fool or impudently dishonest.

The Times publishes some rubbish as to what Controller Wood is reported to have said about Col. Prior's status. Who that has a particle of common sense will pay the slightest attention to what Controller Wood is reported to have said on the subject when he has before him what Mr. Wood's Chief wrote about it over his own signature.

It is abundantly evident that the deception is on the part of the Times and not on that of Col. Prior. But the organ's dishonest trick is too stupid and too shallow to deceive any man of intelligence.

PARALLEL CASES.

A great many who talk rashly about the Manitoba school question seem to forget that the minority in that Province hold their rights by precisely the same terms as do the Protestant minority of the Province of Quebec. The Constitution of the Dominion is all that stands between Quebec Protestants and oppression or unfair treatment in the matter of education. This point was well brought out by the Hon. Mr. Foster in his speech at Bracebridge, in the county of North Ontario. He said:

"In one case the schools are Protestant, in the other they are Roman Catholic. The constitution which confers those rights in Quebec was framed by the French Roman Catholic majority as a safeguard, and guarantees separate schools to the minority. The two provinces therefore stand on the same footing regarding the school question, and what would be justice for one should certainly be justice for the other. In both cases a compact has been solemnly entered into, which should be regarded as binding. The institutions and beliefs of one class of the community are as sacred to them as the institutions of any other class, held just as tenaciously, but which circumstances have not or yet tended to bring out as prominently as aggressively. Should these rights in the one instance be ruthlessly and unconstitutionally destroyed, and in the other zealously preserved? The spirit of justice and fair play which prompts a settlement by the Government in the only right way in Manitoba, would be observed with equal rigidity in the case of Quebec should such a contingency arise. For the sake of the minority in Quebec as well as the minority in Manitoba, and, above all, for the spirit of consideration and fairness which should be paramount in a country composed of diversified races and creeds, let prejudice be put severely aside. A grievance has been declared to exist by the highest court in the Empire. Is the constitution to be maintained or not? Remember the minority in Quebec, and let calm judgment prevail."

These are words of wisdom, and it is not at all surprising that they had an effect favorable to toleration and fair play in North Ontario. If the Confederation is to be kept together the federal compact in every province should be strictly observed. To repudiate it because it was made a long time ago, as some thoughtless people talk of doing, is both dangerous and foolish. A bargain is a bargain whether it is made by a province or an individual, and good faith and honesty require those who make it to live up to it without swerving to one side or to the other.

"THE BALANCE OF POWER."

It is difficult to understand how the President of the United States could talk of the "balance of power" on this continent with a serious countenance. The power of the United States is not threatened and cannot possibly be disturbed by any power or combination of powers in North and South America. Republicanism is as safe from all encroachment from outsiders as it can possibly be. In North America and South America republicanism has nearly the whole field to itself. Canada is the only country in North America under a monarchical form of Government and its inhabitants show no disposition to act adversely to republican institutions in the United States or in any other part of the world. Since the transformation of the Empire of Brazil into a Republic, republicanism in South America is in no danger from monarchical encroachment. If intelligent United States citizens think and say that the political and social condition of Canada compares favorably with the political and social condition of their own country, Canadians surely are not to be condemned for setting their neighbors a good example; and if dispassionate and unprejudiced observers have been forced to the conclusion that the inhabitants of Brazil were happier, freer and more prosperous under an Emperor than they have been under a President, the preponderance of the United States on the continent is not seriously affected by this result. We might go further and say if the corrupt and turbulent republics of South and Central America could by any change in their form of government be transformed into peaceable, law-abididg communities in which men could live in peace and pursue their various avocations unmolested by armed politicians the balance of power in America would not be in the slightest degree disturbed. We venture just to hint that the people of the United States would be in many ways benefited by the change. Never was there a more ridiculous bugbear set up in any country at any time than this balance-of-power phantom with which President Cleveland is trying to scare the people of the United States. The supremacy of the United States on this continent is secure as long as its citizens by the exercise of the civic virtues prove their fitness to maintain it. No outsider can take it from them. If they lose it it will be through their own folly and their own wickedness. Seeking pretexts to pick a quarrel with foreign nations will not aid them in maintaining their supremacy. War by giving opportunities to the host of corruptionists which infest the Republic may do them irreparable injury and can do them very little good. The most dangerous of the enemies of the United States is within itself, and not across the Atlantic or anywhere else. It is the enemy which it is nursing in its bosom, and not any foreign foe that will deprive it of its power, moral and material.

THE LATEST MESSAGE.

The President's message on the boundary dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela is a most important document and may lead to momentous results. There have been times when interference with a foreign nation's concerns such as the President of the United States recommends would be regarded as tantamount to a declaration of war and would be soon followed by hostile action. But nations are more peaceable in these days and the President's threatening message may possibly not lead to an interruption of the friendly relations that have so long existed between Great Britain and the United States; but we cannot help thinking that, for a time at any rate, those relations will cease to be friendly, and to use a term that is now current will become "strained." And it seems to us that it will not be at all surprising if before long they shall be strained to the point of rupture and beyond that point.

The difficulty that has arisen between the two great English-speaking powers is not, by any means, complicated. The facts are these. Great Britain has a colony in South America whose western boundary is conterminous with the eastern boundary of Venezuela. There has for some time been a dispute between Guiana or rather Great Britain and Venezuela as to the boundary between the colony and the republic. There is a strip of territory which is claimed by both. So far the dispute has been a peaceful one. The Venezuelan Government, it is true, seized some British constables and held them in durance vile for a short time, but it has acknowledged that a mistake was committed and expressed its willingness to make reparation.

During the progress of this boundary dispute the Government of the United States has interposed its good offices and recommended the two countries to refer the matter to arbitration. Great Britain has courteously declined to accept the advice of the United States with regard to territory which she has possessed ever since the conquest of Guiana. But she is willing to submit her claim to part of the disputed territory to arbitration.

Now the President of the United States declares that as Great Britain has not submitted its dispute with Venezuela to arbitration the United States will run the line between British Guiana and Venezuela and will treat Great Britain as an enemy if it exercises acts of ownership over territory which the United States surveying commission decides belongs to Venezuela. This is a singular position for a third party to take, and one which has no interest whatever in the territory in dispute. But the Monroe doctrine comes in here, which is a mere declaration of a President of the United States made seventy years ago, and even that, as Lord Salisbury clearly shows, has no bearing on the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela:

Great Britain, he says, is imposing no "system" upon Venezuela and is not concerning herself in any way with the nature of the political institutions under which the Venezuelans may prefer to live. But the British Empire and the Republic of Venezuela are neighbors, and they have differed for some time past, and continue to differ, as to the line by which their dominions are separated. It is a controversy with which the United States have no apparent practical concern. It is difficult indeed to see how it can materially affect any state or community outside of those primarily interested, except perhaps other parts of Her Majesty's dominions, such as Trinidad. The disputed frontier of Venezuela has nothing to do with any question dealt with by President Monroe. It is not a question of colonization by a European power of any portion of America. It is not a question of imposition on the communities of South America of any system of government devised in Europe. It is simply the determination of the frontier of a British possession which belonged to the throne of England long before the republic of Venezuela came into existence.

It is not hard to see that the United States has really no grounds for interference in this dispute. It has never declared itself the protector of the republics of South and Central America, and its public men distinctly repudiate the obligations which a protectorate carries with it. It considers, however, itself strong enough to enforce its will in this matter. This is the long and the short of the whole matter. The President is acting upon the very ancient maxim that might constitutes right. Besides, his interpretation of the Monroe doctrine is at this moment popular in the United States and a presidential election takes place next year.

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Dec. 19—Iron. Joshua Davies.
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Dec. 20—Musical instruments W.T. Hardaker.

To-day at 2 p.m., the entire stock of hardware, etc., belonging to R. Kenny & Co., will be sold at auction by H. Cuthbert & Co. Those wishing to make useful Christmas presents should make it convenient to attend as everything will be sold without reserve.

THE CITY.

A COURT of revision was held yesterday at the Royal Oak by Mr. S. Perry Mills, judge of revision.

THE Christmas charity ball is to be given on Friday at the A. O. U. W. hall. All who can should attend.

A SPECIAL meeting of the city council has been called by the Mayor for 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

COMMUNICATIONS which will receive publication have been received from "G. Campbell" and "Country before Party."

A MATINEE recital is to be given at Angela College to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, commencing at 4 o'clock.

ARGUMENT in the Hudson's Bay Co. v. Rowling was finished in the Full court yesterday; judgment was reserved.

FIVE new and pretty fancy dances will be a feature at the Operetta this evening and Saturday afternoon for the Orphan's Home. x

SCOTT AND DUTTON, the two English lads convicted of the theft of a pair of shotguns from John Barnsley & Co., will appear for sentence in the police court this morning.

A GENERAL debate, with a programme of songs, recitations, etc., claimed the attention of the members of the Single Tax Club at their ordinary weekly meeting last evening.

ARCHIE REID was formally committed from the police court yesterday, to stand his trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction for the theft of $40 from the person of Dr. Wilson.

THE hotel at Colwood, recently destroyed by fire, was the property of Mr. James A. Haslam, Mr. Bechtel being the agent. It is understood that rebuilding will commence just as soon as the weather permits.

THE first session of the Y. M. C. A. mechanical drawing clas was held last evening with Mr. Maxwell Muir as instructor. The regular class lessons will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings. All intending pupils for this class should join as early as possible. The class instruction will be specially adapted to the needs of those intending to be machinists or builders.

DR. J. K. GARROW, now held at city police headquarters on the charge of murder, has retained Messrs. Bodwell & Irving to conduct his defence, and will be represented by one of the members of that firm at the opening of the police court inquiry to-morrow; Mr. S. Perry Mills has been engaged to defend Harry Creech, who is charged as an accessory before the fact. The doctor made application to be released on bail Tuesday morning, but without success.

LETTERS from Mr. A. R. Langley of this city, who left here more than two months ago for Guatemala, have just been received announcing his safe arrival at the coffee plantation which was to be his destination. The letters are dated November 24 from "Finca la Vina, Colombo Costa Cuca, Guatemala"—an address which for safe keeping should be better secured than in the memory box. He reports himself comfortably settled, after a varied experience of travelling on muleback over a decidedly mountainous country. The plantation is at an elevation of 4,00 feet, and commands a view of the sea fifty miles distant. Up to the time of writing Mr. Langley had had no news from Victoria since leaving San Francisco, as the mail service to the interior is very irregular and uncertain.

THIS evening at the Victoria theatre, the Juvenile Opera Company, under the management and instruction of Mrs. E. Lang and the musical direction of Mr. Ernest Wolff, L. C. M., will again present the tuneful and attractive operetta of the "Four Leaved Clover," in which they not long ago scored so pronounced a success at A. O. U. W, hall. The first act and many new songs and incidental compositions are by Mrs. Lang and Mr. Wolff; while this evening, specialties will be introduced between acts by little Sam Johnson and Senorita Juanita. The entertainment is given as a Christmas benefit for the Protestant Orphans' Home, with the following cast:

Fedalma, Queen of Gypsies ..... Ethel St. Claire
Madge ..... May King
Nida, her brother ..... Emma Casad
Baby Hinda ..... Little May Wolff

Lady Hinda (known as Juanita) Miss Lilly Lyons
Lady Inez ..... Annie Carter
Countess Isabella ..... Laura St. Claire
Mother Fedalma ..... Flossy Jackson
Susanna, companion to Lady Inez .... May King
Gluck Auf, (German spirits of good luck) ..... Celia Tugwell, Emma Casad
Gretchen, their friend and interpreter ..... Little Mabel Lyons
Don Sebastian, commander of the castle ..... Miss Ada Sims
Lorenzo, a guard ..... Olive Lambert
Sir Ronald Graeme, an English guest ..... Miss Vic. Penketh
Don Carlos, a Spanish guest ..... Master Percy Thomas
Donald, } their servants ..... { Will Creigie
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Many Friends Witness the Marriage of Two Popular Victorians.

The quaint little Church of Our Lord, on Humboldt street, was at 5 o'clock yesterday evening the scene of a wedding in which an unusually large proportion of Victorians feel especially interested, for the reason that both of the contracting parties are prominent members of a large social circle. The groom was Mr. Richard Jones, collector of inland revenue, with headquarters in this city; his bride, Miss Helena Mouatt, whose musical talent has made her many friends throughout British Columbia in addition to those who have enjoyed a personal acquaintance.

The important ceremony, which was full choral, was solemnized by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, the bride, who was given away by Dr. J. D. Helmcken, being attired in cream silk crepon; her little bridesmaids were Miss Dorothy McTavish, the Misses Helmcken and Miss Margery Rome, each gowned in white and carrying a magnificent shower bouquet. Miss Macnaughton Jones made a charming maid of honor, while the groom was supported by his friend, Mr. E. A. Jacob.

After the ceremony the wedding party gathered at the home of the bride's mother on Belleville street, where a reception was held and congratulations descended upon Mr. Jones and his bride in a shower. The honeymoon will be spent in sunny California.

FIRST OF THE SERIES.

The Children of the First Presbyterian Sunday School Enjoy Their Christmas Treat.

The Christmas Sunday school entertainment of the First Presbyterian church was given last evening. Tea was served to between three and four hundred children, including about thirty from the Protestant Orphans' Home, and afterwards a most enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music was carried out. The recitations were well rendered; the club swinging by Ruble Grant deserves special mention; and what was exceedingly unique and enjoyable was the "Santa Claus' Frolic Cantata." A chimney below the mantel shelf was built on the platform by a master mason in presence of the audience—with bricks full of candy—and a number of Brownies dressed in character carried the bricks through the chimney to Santa Claus who handed them to the Mason, the Brownies, Santa Claus, Mason and choir of children singing appropriate selections. Santa Claus also distributed the school prizes, and finally the bricks were distributed to the pupils. Both Santa Claus and the Brownies appearing and disappearing through the chimney, were the delight of the young folks. All were thoroughly drilled and reflected great credit on the superintendent and teachers.

The parents and friends thoroughly enjoyed it, too, and manifested their appreciation of the efforts of the staff of Sabbath school workers by filling the large auditorium of the church. As a token of appreciation a handsome chair was given by the pupils and teachers to Mr. John Meston, who is a most efficient, popular and painstaking superintendent.

The First church Sunday school is now the second largest Presbyterian school in British Columbia, and last night's entertainment was one of the most successful in its history.

ADDITIONAL news received yesterday of the railway trouble at Sandon is to the effect that the Nakusp & Slocan railway depot was among the buildings demolished by the men who tore up the tracks and telegraph poles and made things generally lively on the previous day. However, the prompt course of Premier Turner in having action taken to preserve the peace has no doubt prevented any further outbreak. Yesterday Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, acting for the Nakusp & Slocan railway, obtained an order from Mr. Justice Walkem restraining the Kaslo & Slocan railway from interfering with the replacing by the Nakusp & Slocan railway of the tracks, telegraph line and buildings demolished in the row.

IN commemoration of the closing of the gates of Derry, Lady True Blue lodge, No. 37, gave a fairly successful dance in the A.O.U.W. hall last night. The attendance was limited, owing no doubt to the bad state of the weather, but notwithstanding this the amusement was much enjoyed. Richardson's orchestra furnished the music, and at midnight an appetizing supper was given.

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SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Strong Demand for Grain and Lumber Carriers—The Steamer "Edith."

Cargo of the Inbound "Victoria"—The "Olga" Arrives for Overhauling.

In their monthly freight and shipping report for November, R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., say: "Throughout the greater part of the month wheat freights have been purely nominal, arrivals at all coast ports being very free. Still rates have not reacted to any extent, a result to which the rather unlooked for demand from South Africa and Australia has contributed not a little. The inquiry for lumber coastwise steadily improves. Tonnage for immediate loading is much wanted and rates are stiffer in consequence, in fact, as regards this branch of the trade the conditions are better than for years past. Practically all of the coast mills, both British and American, have combined to control the output and it is expected that prices will be advanced very shortly. The last salmon vessel of this season, the John Gambles, misses her charter by late arrival, and the cargo intended for her will be provided for elsewhere.

THE "ECHO'S" NEW OWNER.

Yesterday the little twenty odd ton schooner Echo, of Fairhaven, which came here some time ago with a load of produce, was registered as a British bottom. A few days ago she became the property of a young Eastern lady, an acquaintance of Captain Shain, the former owner and commander, who is shortly to become a resident of Victoria. Captain Shain will retain the management of the vessel and a privilege which he will now enjoy is trading on the West Coast.

THE SEHOME'S SUCCESSOR.

The steamer Edith which, according to present expectations, is to take the Sehome's place on the Sound route, is a smaller craft than the latter and fairly compares in size with the Rosalie. She was originally a pleasure yacht, having been built in San Francisco, but recently has been running on the Port Townsend-Port Gamble route. While in this latter service she struck a snag and was considerably damaged. She is now at Tacoma undergoing a course of treatment which will leave her in first-class condition.

THE INBOUND "VICTORIA."

The steamship Victoria, of the Northern Pacific line is due from China and Japan on the 28th inst., having sailed from Yokohama last Saturday morning. Her cargo is as usual very large, amounting in all to over 4,000 tons, divided thus: 600 tons for Victoria, inclusive of San Francisco freight; 500 tons for Portland and the Sound, and 3,000 tons for overland points, including 1,500 bales of silk. There are only 15 Chinese aboard for Victoria, but there are 35 for Portland.

MARINE NOTES.

The large four-masted schooner Olga, under charter to load lumber on the Sound, arrived in Esquimalt from Honolulu yesterday. She called here to go on the Esquimalt marine railroad and will, it is expected, be hauled out today.

The M. M. Morrill and the Anderson are the only two Seattle sealers that have not yet started for the hunting grounds.

Steamer Rapid Transit arrived from the Sound yesterday with a load of coal

The R.M.S. Warrimoo left Sydney, N. S. W., for Victoria yesterday afternoon.

The steamer City of Topeka sails for Alaska to-day.

THE Christmas masquerade ball to be given in Bertram hall, North Pemboke street, Spring Ridge, on Monday evening promises to be a grand success. The hall will be decorated for the occasion, and two prizes will be given—one for the best dressed gentleman and the other for the best dressed lady. Maskers representing the opposite sex characters will not be entitled to the prizes.

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THE following are the teams picked to play in the England v. Colonies Rugby match on Saturday next at the Caledonia grounds. England will play in white and colors, and the Colonies in red: England — Full back, H. Petticrew; three-quarter backs, J. M. Miller, Capt., J. F. Foulkes, K. Scholefield, H. D. Morton; half-backs, J. H. Sugrue, H. W. F. Pollock; forwards, E. A. C. Gibson, P. Wollaston, A. Goward, A. A. Green, H. Loveland, R. C. Trimen, L. B. Trimen, J. Earsman; reserves, W. A. Cornwall, F. J. Daniels. Colonies—Full back, H. A. Holmes; three-quarter backs, C. W. Ward, C. Gamble, J. Byrn, H. Hayter; half-backs, F. Smith, F. Ward; forwards, H. Austin, A. D. Crease, Capt., A. G. Langley, D. O'Sullivan, R. H. Johnson, T. Parkey, L. Crease, J. K Macrae; reserves, W. H. Langley, J. O'Reilly, W. T. Williams.

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AN ARTIST'S PARADISE.

British Columbia Scenery a Feature of the Present Fine Art Exhibition.

Famous Painters Who Find Congenial Themes in the Pacific Wonderland

The attendance at the art exhibition was excellent yesterday, a sure proof that the interest taken in it is increasing daily. The first of the kind ever held in British Columbia, it could hardly be expected to be a Royal Academy in miniature, and yet taken altogether it far surpasses what might have been looked for in a first attempt. The exhibition of course includes many paintings of mediocre execution and little interest, besides several of doubtful parentage; the connoisseur readily overlooks these exceptions, however, in the interest with which the real gems inspire him.

It is especially gratifying to the patriotic British Columbian to find so many home subjects treated with appreciative taste and artistic skill. Mme. de L'Aubiniere has lingered affectionately among the mountains, lakes and valleys of this Pacific wonderland, and her "Mount Baker" (5), "Mount Baker from Gonzales" (8), "Foul Bay" (21), "Goldstream" (39), "Mount Baker" (45), "Pond in Beacon Hill Park" (83), "Winter from Church Hill" (88), "Foul Bay" (130), "Thetis Island" (142), "Mount Baker from Beacon Hill" (152), "Evening" (153), "Home Sweet Home" (173), "View from Gonzales" (191) and "Straits of San Juan de Fuca" (225), tell of a busy twelvemonth profitably employed. Mr. G. T. Brown also finds congenial subjects in the "Similkameen Valley" (139), "Mount Baker from Regent's Park" (150), "Okanagan Lake" (125) and "Shuswap Lake" (151); while "A Clearing" (146) by S. Tytler, also a British Columbia scene, is one of the best pieces of coloring in the exhibition and with its fidelity to nature one of the most taking sketches in the hall. The same artist also found material at home for his "Edge of Clearing" (126) and "Upper Phillip River" (127), "Bush Road" (132) and "Canon" (133).

Of upwards of ninety oils and water-colors bearing Bamford's signature the most thoroughly representative of the artist's style, as well as the most important work, is "The Mussel Gatherers" (24), a morning view of the Straits which is remarkable for the charm of its lighting and for the kindly treatment of the native sons and daughters of the Golden West who form the industriously employed group in the foreground. Few artists have found the value of the Coast Siwash or treated him as acceptably as Mr. Bamford here has—while at the same time painting him as true to the original even as the shimmering Straits, kelp-covered, in the clear air of the early morning.

Mr. Barff's marine pictures, to which it is understood he intends to devote his attention almost exclusively in future, command the heartiest admiration of all who inspect them, while Mr. Maclure's water colors of familiar scenes—like Mr. Shrapnel's dead game—are too well known to Victorians to call for analytical description or the commendation which they so heartily deserve. All the home artists have naturally found employment for their brushes chiefly in depicting British Columbia scenes—this province being indeed an artist's paradise. Miss Worsfold, E. B. Boulton (who also is represented by some excellent Australian paintings), A. Lee Rogers, Miss Drake, Miss Hayward, and Loemans and others of appreciative minds who have devoted their especial attention to provincial scenes.

"A Portrait" (160) by Miss Worsfold is extremely good, there being a total lack of that harshness of treatment which so often disfigures this class of work. Turning to animal life the portrait of "Broadmead" by H. H. Simpson shows great promise for the author, his work reminding one of Harry Hall's best style. Salmon, R. A., is represented by two pieces, "St. Michael's Mount, England," (76) and "St. Michael's Mount, France," (75); in each the subject, though difficult, is handled with a master's skill, the coloring being especially good. Henry Sandham, R.C.A., in "The Poultry Yard" (79) affords a very good example of effective grouping and shows careful attention to detail in the portrayal of domestic animal life. "The Bay of Naples" (85), by de Franceshi, is very simple in its details, but it is nevertheless an excellent color painting, and worthy of more than casual inspection.

To-day the exhibition will again be open until 11 p.m., and to-morrow will be "children's day," with the price of admission reduced to ten cents for their benefit.

It was a wise step on the part of the management to secure the spacious A. O.U.W. hall for the second annual gymnastic exhibition of the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday—for the place was filled beyond expectations. The performance was very creditable, and augured well for the future success of such events. The programme was carried out with professional smoothness, while the various acts were far from being of the ordinary amateur standard. To learn the appreciation of the large crowd present, one had only to hear the many words of commendation passed at the door of the hall as the gathering dispersed. C. Wrigleswortb's dumb bell exercises, his live weight lift of 115 pounds at arm's length; H. Roper's parallel work, and H. Melish's horizontal bar and tumbling performances won the admiration of everyone present. These atheletes were ably assisted by W. Peden, C. Esnouf, C. H. Erskine, J. Hill, B. Littlewood and J. Sharp. A much enjoyed feature of the programme was the song the "Death of Nelson," by Mr. R. Spice, which received many encores. The song "Anchored," by Mr. H. Roper, was greatly appreciated, as was also the harmonica solo by Mr. J. Hill. Richardson's orchestra dispensed pleasant music during the evening.

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VICTORIA WEST SCHOOL.

Studious Pupils Receive the Reward for Their Work During the Autumn Session.

Principal Tait Presented With Souvenirs by the Teachers and Pupils—To-day's Closing

The Christmas closing of the Victoria West school was held yesterday afternoon in Semple's hall, which had been placed at their disposal by the owner. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Semple for his kindness. Inspector Burns presided and short addresses were delivered by Trustees Mrs. Grant, Glover and Marchant, Rev. W. D. Barber, Rev. C. Ensor Sharp. Rev. D. MacRae and Rev. Mr. Hicks. The pupils sang "The Maple Leaf Forever" and other patriotic songs, and one of the very small boys, Robert Fisher, played remarkably well on the violin. Three young ladies of the first division, Misses Ethel Young, Amy McKay and Bertha Messick, gave an exhibition in club swinging that proved they had given attention to physical as well as mental training. Miss Lily Russell played the accompaniments. It may be noted that in Rev. Mr. MacRae's address he strongly expressed the hope that Victoria West may have better school accommodation that at present. The principal of the school, Mr. L. Tait, was yesterday presented by the teaching staff with a pair of gold sleeve buttons, and also received a very pretty bracket from the pupils.

The promotion and prize lists were as follows:

DIVISION I.

Mr. L. Tait, Principal.

To High School—John McKay and Arthur Patton.

Prize List—General proficiency, John McKay; spelling, reading, anatomy, Ethel Young; grammar, Thos. Cessford; arithmetic, Thos. Crocker; composition, Karl Kroger; improvement, Thos. Andrews; improvement in writing, Annie Crocker; diligence, Ben. Henwood and Frank Jenkins; English history, Stephen Doran; geography, Arthur Patton; anatomy, Bertha Messick.

DIVISION II.

Miss S. Kermode, Teacher.

To Division I—Marion C. Smith, Alice J. Smith, Leslie G. Tait.

Prize List—General proficiency, Marion C. Smith; spelling, Leslie Tait; first in composition, geography, Canadian history and English history, Alice J. Smith; deportment, Myra Fawcett.

DIVISION III.

Miss S. Kermode, Teacher.

To Division II.—Mary J. Tait, Svea Jacobson, Frederic Harrap, Fritz Kroeger, James McKenzie.

PRIZE LIST.

General proficiency, Mary J. Tait; deportment, Frederic Harrap, diligence, Svea Jacobson; neatness, James McKenzie; English History, Fritz Kroeger.

DIVISION IV.

Mr. J. J. Stephenson, Teacher.

To Division III.—Ernest Tait, Ewald Bahlman, Albert Young, Jennie Anderson, Clifford Dean Jenkinson, William Henwood, Bruce McNaughton.

DIVISION V.

Mr. J. J. Stephenson, Teacher.

To Division IV.—Arthur Crocker, Willie Jenkinson.

Recommended—Yolande Gannor, Edith Atkins.

DIVISION VI.

Miss M. A. Gaudin, teacher.

To Division V—Robert Fisher, Albert Lang, John Duncan McBeath, Robert Alfred Semple, Percy Walter Wilson, James Paynter, Herman Hazenfratz, George Hemans Roller, Emmett Carroll, Rhoda Salt, Elizabeth Andrews, Charles Kirk.

Prize List—General proficiency, Robert Fisher; geography, Robert Fisher; reading, Gertrude Smith; dictation and spelling, John McBeath; writing, second in geography, Albert Lang; written and mental arithmetic, Percy Wilson; arithmetic, Rhoda Salt; grammar, Emma Caroll.

DIVISION VII.

Miss J. C. Strachan, teacher.

To Division VI—George Alexander McDonald, Mary Jane McNaughton, Ada Hattie Williams, Gertrude Craft, James Ernest Stevens, Peter Bugslag, Viola Semple, William Kroeger.

Prize List—George Alexander McDonald, general proficiency; Mary Jane McNaughton, reading; Gertrude Craft, geography and spelling; Ernest Stevens, mental arithmetic; Violet Brown, writing; Viola Semple, deportment; William Kroeger, diligence.

DIVISION VIII.

Miss J. C. Strachan, teacher.

To Division VII.—Archibald Columbus Gilchrist, Albert Victor March, Walter Frederick Jenkins, Ernest Hazenfratz and Hubert McIntyre.

Prize List—Edwin Tait, general proficiency; Archibald Columbus Gilchrist, mental arithmetic, 2nd spelling; Albert Victor March, reading.

DIVISION IX.

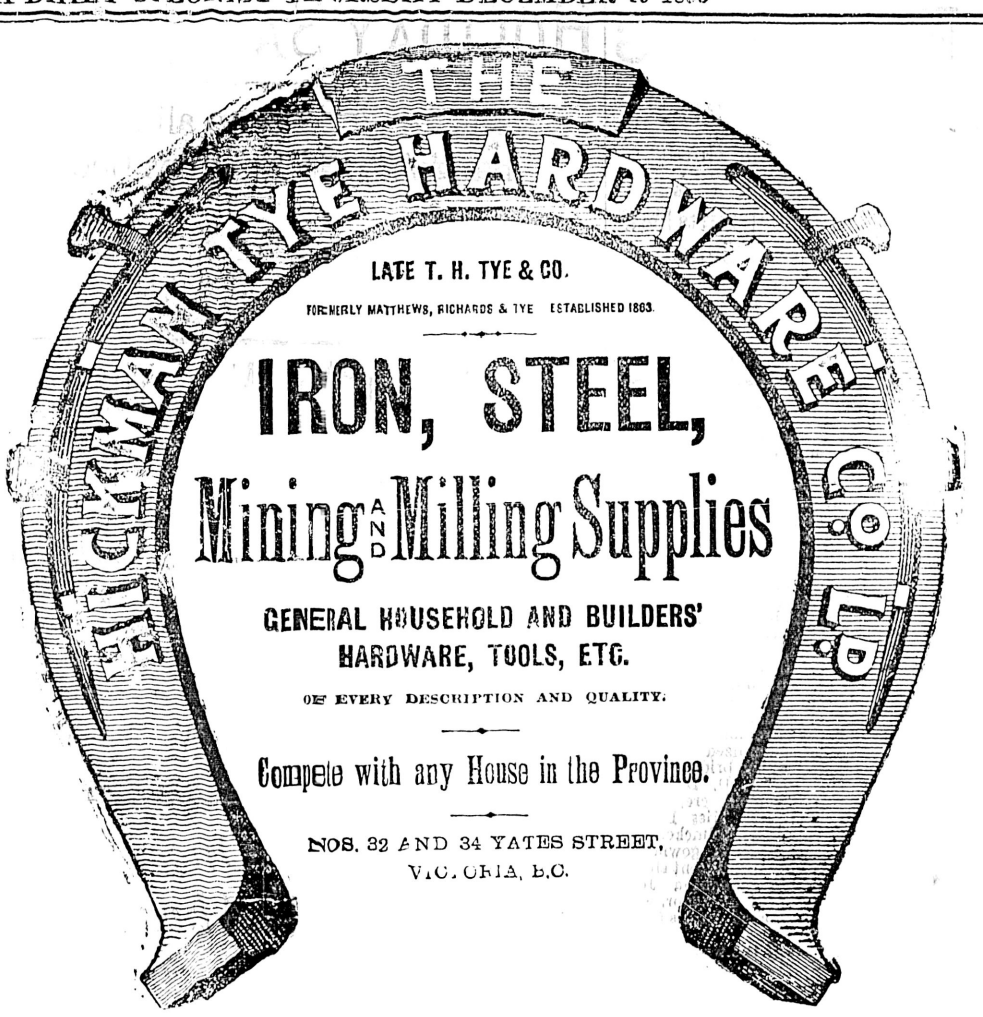
Miss J. C. Strachan, teacher.

To Division VIII.—Stanley Young, Olive Annie Fawcett, Arthur Bings, Hubert Stanley Atkins, Stanley Okell, Lillian March and Elsie Bahlman.

Prize List—Stanley Young, general proficiency; Olive Annie Fawcett, reading; Arthur Bings, diligence and tidiness.

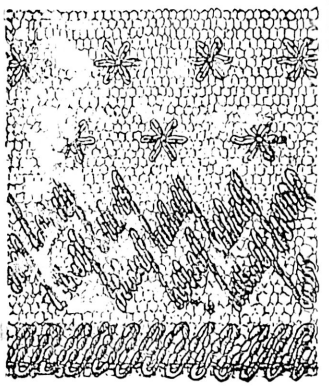
OTHER SCHOOLS.

The Spring Ridge school closing exercises will be held this morning at ten o'clock. In the afternoon the Boys' Central school closes at 2 o'clock. The principal and teachers of the High school extend a cordial invitation to all interested in the school to attend the closing exercises which will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Girls' Central school.



Darned Net Pattern.

Numbered with many other useful and welcome suggestions from Modern Priscilla is the one that pretty borders for curtains, toilet tables and the like



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She—He'll have to. It's my cousin Jennie who has the money, not I. You've made some mistake. I haven't a penny.

He—Er—very pleasant weather we're having.—Boston Globe.

Spotted Cigars.

There is a tradition among cigar smokers, which finds more or less credence, to the effect that spotted cigars are the best. To meet the demand for spotted goods some manufacturers use diluted sulphuric acid, which, being liberally sprinkled on the tobacco to be used for wrappers, gives the desired speckled appearance. In justification of this practice the manufacturers say it doesn't hurt the cigar at all and it pleases some smokers.—New York World.

In the Future.

Mrs. De Fashion (about leaving the children's party)—Marie!

Horsegirl—Yes, ma'am.

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Thursdays—Leave Sidney on arrival of morning train, for Ganges Harbor, Nanaimo and way ports.

Fridays—Leave Nanaimo at 7 a.m. for Sidney and way ports, connecting with evening train for Victoria. oc19

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Notice to Contractors.

Tenders will be received by the Commissioners of the Matsqui Dyking District up to 12 o'clock noon, on the 20th of December, 1895, for the construction of two Bulkheads and certain new Diversions and Additions to the present Dyke at Matsqui.

Plans and specifications of the above work can be seen at the office of the Commissioners, Mission City, or be obtained from the Clerk of the Commissioners on payment of $5 00.

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November 21st, 1895. no23

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned, at Ladner, up to the 23rd December, 1895, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purchase of the Debentures to be issued under the Delta Dyking and Drainage By-law, 1895, amounting to $41,320.51. All tenders must be marked "Tenders for Debentures." The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order.
C. F. GREEN, C.M.C.
Ladner, 25th November, 1895 no27-td

Notice to Contractors and Others.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 23rd December, 1895, at 12 o'clock noon, for the construction of the ditch and dyke and other works in connection with the Delta Dyking and Drainage By-law, 1895.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the Clerk's office, Ladner, and at the residence of Mr. A. R. Green, C.E., Royal avenue, New Westminster.

All tenders must be marked "Tender for Construction Works."

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. By order.
C. F. GREEN, C.M.C.
Ladner, 25th November, 1895. no27-td

[L.S.] E. DEWDNEY.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature.

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the Twenty-third day of the month of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this fifth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the fifty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command.
JAMES BAKER,
de6-tf Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE.

Legislative Assembly.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on the 6th day of February, 1896.

Bills must be presented on or before the 13th day of February, 1896.

Reports from the Standing Committee on Private Bills will not be received after the 20th day of February, 1896.

If any of the Rules above referred to are suspended, the Promoters of all Private Bills taking the benefit of such suspension of said Rules will be required to pay double fees.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1895.

THORNTON FELL,
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ACTIVE CLUBWOMEN.

FEDERATION DAYS AT THE EXPOSITION IN ATLANTA.

Club Interests In the South—Important Meetings In the West and the East—The New Woman In a Sphere of Novel Activity.

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Just at present the interest of the federation is centered in the federation days at Atlanta in connection with the congress of the exposition. The 1st and 2d of November are given up to the federation, and a presentation of club interests and work will be made by notable women and prominent officers of the federation. Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, the president of the federation, is expected, also the members of the committee of arrangements, Mrs. Samuel McKinney of Tennessee, Mrs. Elizabeth Lyle Saxon of Louisiana, Mrs. Virginia J. Berryhill of Iowa, Miss Rosa Wood-

MISS KATHERINE NOBLES.

berry of Georgia and Mrs. Eugene Heard, also of Georgia. Mrs. Jennie June Croly, the president of the New York State federation, is also expected to be present and give an account of the famous Pioneer club of London and of the general status of affairs for women in England. The Professional Woman's league of New York city has also been invited to send representatives, and it is expected that among the prominent representatives of various clubs of Gotham will be included Mrs. Russell Sage, Mrs. A. M. Palmer, Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, Mrs. Jennie de la M. Lozier, Mrs. Ralph Shainwald, Mrs. Robert Abbe and many others, while the responses already received by the committee indicate that over 30 states will send representatives, including a number from the far west.

Not since the congress of representative women at the World's fair has anything occurred to give so great an impetus to organization for women as the congress at the Atlanta exposition, and those who know of the wonderful outcome of the congress of representative women may well look for even greater results from these congresses.

The general federation will send an exhibit of programmes, histories, pictures of clubhouses and interiors and photographs of prominent officers to the Atlanta congress. Similar exhibits are to be made a feature of the biennial at Louisville in May, 1896, and of all future biennials. All federated clubs are also asked to exhibit at Atlanta.

Although represented in the federation by only 32 clubs out of a total of 450 individual clubs, the south is rich in the material of its literary organizations, the progressive spirit of its women and the vast amount of intellectual ability as shown in its women novelists, essayists, poets and general writers. Charleston is probably the only city of any note in the south where organization for women is absolutely an unknown factor and where there is not as yet a single woman's club in the city. That the Charleston of today is practically the Charleston of antebellum days is chiefly due to the extreme exclusiveness of its citizens socially.

But many other cities of the south are happily progressive. New Orleans has a number of woman's clubs, Memphis has a still greater number, and their strength may be judged by the fact that the Memphis woman's council embraces 48 leading women's organizations of the city. No exact figures of the number of clubwomen in the city of Memphis are at hand, but there are about 4,000, for over 3,000 are shown by the membership lists of the woman's council.

Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama are all well equipped with women's clubs, especially the two former. In New Orleans may be found the Women's club, the Portia club, the Quarante, the Geographic and others, such as the Rosetta, the Arena, the Dante and the Browning clubs.

Elizabeth Bisland, now Mrs. Wetmore of New York city, founded the Woman's club of New Orleans in 1884. She was its first president, and her successors have been such prominent and accomplished women as Mrs. Maria J. C. Swayzie, Mrs. J. G. Clark, Mrs. Virginia B. Thomas, Miss Katherine Nobles and Mrs. Davis Sumter Marks, who is the present president. One of the most valued workers for the club among these officers was the clever writer, Miss Katherine Nobles, who was the delegate to the convention which formed the federation and who was one of the original committee of 11. In addition to her literary ability Miss Nobles is a fine organizer and an effective officer. She is constantly active in the literary, educational and philanthropic work of the city.

Mrs. Mollie Moore Davis, the president of the Geographic club, is one of the noted coterie of brilliant southern women whose names will be recognized throughout the literary world. Mrs. Davis is an enthusiastic clubwoman and a fine presiding officer. The Geographic club has done service and thoughtful work under the title "The Religions of the World," and the ancient civilizations of Assyria, Egypt, Chaldea, India, Persia, Phoenicia, Judaea, China and Japan have been passed in studious review by its members, who number many cultured and highly intellectual women in their ranks. Mrs. William Preston Johnson, wife of the president of Tulane university, is now the president of the Quarante club. Miss Florence Huberwald is the president of the Portia club, Mrs. Oscar Nixon is the president of the Current Topics class, and Miss Rubie Harris is the president of the alumnae of the New Orleans girls' high school.

Mrs. Frances L. Turnbull, the president of the Woman's Literary club of Baltimore, writes me a long and interesting letter, and says: "The Woman's Literary club of Baltimore is now in its sixth year, and it was the first association of its kind in the state. Our members are all associate members of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, and we have our assembly and committee rooms in the old colonial building of the academy. Our club received an award from the Columbian exposition and honorable mention from the board of lady managers for our exhibition of our own books at the World's fair. The work of our club as a whole has steadily advanced from year to year, and our committees on 'Maryland Artists and Authors,' on 'Unwritten History' and on 'Archaeology' and 'Current Criticism' have provided us with especially fine programmes.

"Among our more noted members are Mrs. Florence Earle Coates, Mrs. Christine Todd Franklin, Mrs. Olive Thorne Miller, Miss Grace Denio Litchfield, Miss Katharine Pearson Woods and many others whose literary or artistic fame has made them well known."

Miss Rosa L. Woodberry, chairman of the state committee of correspondence for Georgia, writes me an enthusiastic letter concerning women's clubs, and says: "Georgia is a great woman's club state, although all are not as yet federated. We hope to make a fair showing at the Atlanta exposition, and I hope that the sessions of the federation at Atlanta may assist in arousing in the south that interest in organization which is so greatly needed."

Miss Woodberry is a very pretty and attractive girl, and one of the youngest officers in the federation, as she is scarcely out of her teens.

Aside from this great activity and interest in the south, there are important meetings in the west and in the east close at hand, so that clubwomen all over the country have a simultaneous stimulus. The meeting in the west is that of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, which is to hold its first annual meeting at Peoria. The courtesy of the Peoria Woman's club has placed its fine clubhouse at the service of the federation, and the 9th, 10th and 11th of October will see there a great gathering of notable and enthusiastic clubwomen. That great authority on civics, Mrs. Mary E. Mumford of Philadelphia, will be present and is expected to read a valuable paper on her favorite topic. The Illinois federation is one of the youngest in the federated galaxy, but its energetic and progressive women are already reckoned among the brightest of the organization.

On exactly the same dates, Oct. 9, 10 and 11, the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs meet in Augusta. Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, the president of the Gen-

MRS. CLARA P. BOURLAND.
[President of the Peoria Woman's Club.]

eral federation, is to be present and speak on the advantages of federation. Other important subjects relative to club life for women will be ably presented by prominent officers, and the state clubs are expected to send in interesting reports of their work, which will throw much light on the present status of women's clubs in the Pine Tree State. All in all, there is just at present an activity within the federation which it has not experienced since its organization.

MARY C. FRANCIS.

Old Time Accomplishments.

The following extract from the Biddeford Times gives us an idea of the accomplishments of our grandmothers in household arts, of importance in every girl's education:

Mrs. Ann Emery of Saco died a few weeks ago at the advanced age of 93 years. When she was married, in 1825, her accomplishments were stated as follows: She could cook all kinds of food in an expert manner, sew and knit, spin and weave cloth, make her own clothes from cloth made with her own hands, make butter and cheese, make soap and tinder—this was long before the days of friction matches—dip candle, sing and dance.

All excepting the last two were considered indispensable requisites in beginning the married life, and when to these were added the last two the bride was regarded as very highly accomplished.

One southern state has taken a great step forward. The University of North Carolina has conferred the degree of LL. D. on Mrs. Cornelia Phillips Spencer. Mrs. Spencer is the first woman in the south to receive this degree. The University of North Carolina has done itself proud.

WELLINGTON'S BIG STORE.

The Mammoth Salesrooms and Manufactory of Leiser & Hamburger.

The following is from the last issue of the Wellington Enterprise: Messrs. Leiser & Hamburger can well claim to have the largest retail establishment in the province. From a comparatively small beginning the business has grown to truly gigantic proportions, embracing every branch of mercantile traffic. The floor area embraced by this firm with their added space is one-third of an acre. The building recently completed by this enterprising firm is occupied on the ground floor by gent's furnishings and furniture, while the upper storey contains the tailor and manufacturing shops and dressmaking rooms. The tailoring shop is under the management of Mr. H. J. Robie, and will soon contain thirteen hands. It is the intention of the firm to manufacture their own stock of custom made clothing, collars, cuffs, overalls, jumpers, etc. They are commended for their enterprise in this matter, as it means the expenditure at home of much money that has hitherto been sent out of this province. This store is now resplendent in its display of holiday goods of all description. It is safe to say that no one can roam through the building without expressing a feeling of admiration for the energy of the proprietors.

THE CITY MARKETS.

Sealers Provisioning—Frozen Turkeys Expected To-day—The Changes of the Week.

The provisioning of sealing schooners for cruises of long duration is a feature of business this week that is demanding much attention. But this trade almost exclusively affects the wholesale merchant. The retailer on the other hand, is now reaping the benefit of Christmas trade. His stocks are being augmented almost daily and they will continue to increase throughout the remainder of this week. Frozen turkeys from the East are in transit and may arrive to-day. Prices will not be expected, be governed considerably by the weather, but according to present calculations last year's quotations will again hold good and the provident housekeeper will have her choice of paying in the neighborhood of sixteen cents per pound for the frozen article or from two to three cents more for that produced here. A slight downward tendency in Hungarian flour and the reverse in wheat are features of the market which are not well accounted for. Considerable frozen fish is being sold, but the only change in quotations is an advance of five cents per pound on smoked salmon. There is also an increase of a half cent per pound on mutton and of five cents per dozen on imported eggs. Current retail quotations:

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	5.50
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	5.50
Victoria	4.50
Lion	4.50
Portland roller	4.00
Salem	4.00
Rainier	4.00
Superb	4.75
Snowflake	4.50
Olympic	4.25
X X X	4.00
Premier	5.00
Three Star	5.00
Two Star	4.00
Superfine	4.00
Wheat per ton	25.00@30.00
Oats, per ton	20.00@25.00
Barley, per ton	25.00@26.00
Middlings, per ton	25.00@30.00
Bran, per ton	20.00@22.00
Ground feed, per ton	25.00@27.00
Corn, whole, per ton	35.00@40.00
" cracked, per ton	40.00@45.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	35
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	50
Rolled oats, per lb	5
Potatoes, per lb	¾@¾
" sweet per lb	4
Cabbages, per lb	3
Hay, baled, per ton	$10@12
Straw, per bale	75
Green peppers, cured, per lb	8@10
Onions, per lb	2½@3
Eggs, Island, per doz	40
" imported per doz	30
Butter, fresh, per lb	35
" Creamery, per lb	30@35
" Dairy, per lb	25@30
Hams, American, per lb	15@18
" Canadian, "	15@16
" Boneless, "	20
Bacon, American, per lb	15@18
" Rolled, "	12@16
" Long clear "	12
" Canadian, "	16@18
Shoulders, per lb	12½
Lard, per lb	15
Golden Cottolene, per lb	15
Meats, Beef per lb	5@12½
Sides "	7@8
Veal "	10@15
Mutton "	5@12½
Lamb, "	10@12½
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
Chickens, per pair	1.00@1.50
Pigeons, per brace	50@1.00
Turkeys, per lb	18@22
Fruits—Oregon apples, per box	1.75
Chilliwack apples, per box	1.25
Oranges, (Riverside) per doz	30@35
Oranges, (Japanese) per box	60@70
Lemons, (California) per doz	30@35
Grapes, per lb	8@10
Pears, per lb	6@8
Pineapples, each	40@50
Bananas, per doz	40@50
Cape Cod Cranberries, per gal	$1.00
Fish—Salmon, spring, per lb	10@12
" Smoked	20
" Cod	8@10
" Halibut	10@12
" Bloaters	10
" Kippers	12@15
" Finnan Haddies	18

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I have travelled o'er this wide world,
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With my pipe and my pouch in my pocket,
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Every kind that the Britisher burns,
'Cut Cavendish,' 'Golden Leaf,' 'Shag,'
'Virginia,' 'Birdseye,' and 'Returns.'
Yes! I've smoked every English tobacco,
But something I yet have to see
Is a brand that will fill every longing
Like the plug that is stamped "T. & B."

I have smoked the West India Havanas,
The Hindoo Cheroots and Burmese,
I have smoked 'Hubble-bubbles' and 'Hookahs,'
Lying stretched on divans at my ease,
But I never yet found a tobacco,
In my journeys by land or by sea,
To compare with that best of all baccys,
The pure golden leaf "T. & B."

They say tobacco will shorten
One's life, and I know that is true,
For once when I ran short of baccy
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The title can be examined and any information in connection therewith gained at the office of the undersigned.

If the mortgage be not paid off before the said 30th day of November, 1895, the highest tender above principal and interest due, and other lawful charges, will be accepted.

The time for receiving tenders for the above described property has been further extended until 12 o'clock noon, on the 21st day of December, 1895.

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Victoria, B.C., 12th November, 1895. no12-27t

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TIME TABLE No. 25.

To take effect at 8 a.m. on Monday, October 28, 1895. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH.

	Daily	Sat'dy
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	8:00	3:20
Ar. Nanaimo	11:40	6:38
Ar. Wellington	12:00	6:55

GOING SOUTH.

	Daily	Sat'dy
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8:20	3:30
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:40	3:45
Ar. Victoria	12:20	7:00

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H. K. PRIOR, General Freight and Passenger Agent.
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C. P. Navigation Co., Ld.

TIME TABLE No. 27.

Takes effect June 21st, 1895.

Vancouver Route.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

New Westminster Route.

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.

For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock.

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For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

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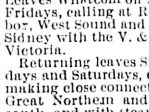

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Report for 24 hours ending 8 p.m.

1 a.m..	35·	Mean 34·	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	34·		
9 a.m..	34·	Highest 35·	5 a.m.—3N. W.
1 p.m.	34·		1 p.m.—4 N.
5 p.m..	34·	Lowest 34·	9 p.m.—4 N.
9 p.m..	35·		Rain—.14.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

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BIRTH.

MACBRADY—In this city, on the 17th instant, the wife of D. Macbrady, 231 Cook street, of a son.

DIED.

FINLAYSON—In this city, on the 17th instant, John Finlayson, a native of Balmacarra Rosshire, Scotland, late Governor of the Provincial Reformatory, aged 62 years.

The funeral will take place on FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock, from the family residence, No. 25 Menzies street, and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 2:30 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

(Detroit papers please copy.)

PORTER—On the 17th inst, at the residence of Mr. J. W. Mackay, Cadboro Bay Road, Agnes, relict of the late Joseph Porter, a native of Wigan, Lancashire, England, aged 78 years.

The funeral will take place on Friday, at 1:30 p.m., from the residence as above, and 2:30 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

PERSONAL.

E. J. Thane returned from Vancouver by last night's Islander.

Mrs. William Templeman has left on a visit to Eastern friends.

G. E. Gilman and Miss Gilman, of Salt Lake City, are at the Driard.

D. J. Munn, president of the Kaslo & Slocan railway, is at the Driard.

George B. Mann and A. J. Holmes, of St. Paul, are guests at the Driard.

L. H. Webber returned by the Rosalie yesterday from a visit to Colorado.

R. H. and Mrs. McMillan returned from the Mainland yesterday evening.

Rev. J. M. White, of Columbia College, Westminster, is paying the Capital a visit.

W. E. Drake, of Vancouver, and W. H. Ladner, ex-M.P.P., are guests at the Hotel Driard.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Martin were passengers to Victoria by the Islander yesterday evening.

Capt. Charles Spring and his family have arrived down from Kyuquot to spend Christmas in the city.

J. F. Wilkinson, of Vancouver, who combines sheep raising with newspaper work, is a guest at the Oriental.

Richard Thompson, formerly of South Saanich, has left for South Africa, where he will try his fortunes in the mines.

Ensign Macdonald, of Vancouver, is expected in Victoria, Saturday, to conduct a series of special meetings at the Salvation Army barracks.

A. Hood, who has been confined to the St. Joseph's hospital for the past month, was able to leave that institution on Monday, having almost recovered from an operation which he there underwent.

Thomas Moody, who has been connected with and a popular member of several local temperance societies for many years, left for his home in London, Eng., this morning, where he will probably remain.

RELATIVE STRENGTH.

The Naval Strength of Great Britain and the United States Contrasted.

Britain's Navy Can Be Met With a Muster of Forty-Eight Vessels.

LONDON, Dec. 18. — The Globe, St. James' Gazette and other papers this afternoon publish comparisons of the British and United States navies. The Globe, for instance, says: "Of the American twenty-six ironclads against Great Britain's sixty-four many are useless; of torpedo gunboats Great Britain has thirty-three and the United States one." Continuing, the Globe says: "Of torpedo destroyers Great Britain has 42 and the United States not one." Great Britain is said to have 95 torpedo boats against two American torpedo boats. Besides, the Globe points out that Great Britain already has 13 ships in her North American squadron, five on the southeast coast of America and seven on the Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Irving A. Scott, vice-president and general manager of the Union iron works, who has built some of the best warships in the navy, expresses the belief that although the present strength of the navy is not great, there could be extemporized as many more efficient ships to enable the United States to maintain the prestige of her flag. Continuing he gave in detail the number of vessels ready and those which could be readily prepared for war, saying: "We can count on 34 now ready; besides six turreted monitors, six gunboats and two battleships now being built, making a total of 48. Then there are 18 of the old Ericson monitors which could be put in preparation by having their turret arrangement removed and two 8-inch appearing and disappearing guns placed in the barbette in the hold, making them very formidable vessels for the defence of our bays and harbors. These could be extemporized for cruisers and commerce destroyers. As for the New York, Paris, St. Louis and St. Paul, they would rank up to the top notch. It would require only the time necessary to furnish them with guns. Should think that within thirty days they could be put in shape.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Wallace's Course Endorsed by the Orangemen—Victims of the Fire—Fire at Portage.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—(Special)—The Winnipeg district Orange lodge has passed a resolution approving the course adopted by Hon. Clarke Wallace in resigning, and pledging him its support.

Major and Mrs. Morrice, victims of the late Cauchon block fire, were buried together in St. John's cemetery this afternoon.

The house of John Routledge, Portage la Prairie, was burned to the ground yesterday.

Hayter Reed, superintendent of Indian affairs, returned to Ottawa to-day.

THE MILITARY CONCERT.

An Attractive Programme Presented at the Victoria Theatre Last Night.

No doubt the bad weather was to blame to a large extent for the small attendance last night at the concert in the Victoria theatre in aid of the P. C. E. G. A. fund; still the public might have made a greater effort to show their appreciation of the fine musical organization of which the city is justly proud. The concert was distinctly a military one, the band taking a large share in the programme and playing remarkably well. The cornet solo by bandsman North and clarionet solo by bandsman Rausch were very well played, while the waltz "Jolly Fellows" (Valker) was perhaps the best of the band numbers. The physical drill by a squad of the battalion was splendidly done and brought down the house; the bayonet exercise was also attractive and well executed. Mr. J. G. Brown was in fine form and his singing was heartily encored. Mr. W. Ralph Higgins' song was deservedly encored, as it was one of the best of the evening, although he was suffering from a cold, which prevented him doing himself justice. Mr. C. W. Rhodes' solo and the duet of Mrs. Archer Martin and Miss Laura Loewen were also well appreciated. Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney occupied a box during the evening, and a good number of military uniforms sprinkled through the audience brightened up the scene. The programme was as follows:

1. Overture—"Cavalaria Rusticana" ..... Mascagni
   The Regimental Band
2. Solo .....
3. Solo for Cornet—"Culver Polka" .....
   ..... Steinhauser
   Bandsman North.
4. Song .....
   Mr. J. G. Brown.
5. Physical Drill .....
   B.C.B.G.A. Gunners
6. Solo .....
   C. W. Rhodes.
7. Intermezzo—"Forget Me Not" ..... Macbeth
   Regimental Band.
8. Solo .....
   W. Ralph Higgins.
9. Duet .....
   Mrs. Archer Martin and Miss Laura Loewen
10. Bayonet Exercise .....
    B.C.B.G.A. Gunners
11. Clarionet Solo—"2nd Air Varie" ..... Mohr
    Bandsman Rauch.
12. Waltz—"Jolly Fellows" ..... Valker
    Regimental Band.

IN THE FAMILY.

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BOTH ARE MINISTERS.

Mr. Wood as Well as Col. Prior Made a Member of the Dominion Cabinet.

About the Lieutenant-Governor's Interest—He Simply Performed a Friendly Service.

What a "Cabinet" Is by Established Practice—The Premier's Freedom of Choice.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Premier Bowell informed your correspondent to-day that both Hon. John F. Wood and Hon. E. G. Prior will be members of the Cabinet. Statements to a contrary effect which were sent out with the first intimation of the government's action in the matter were the result of a misunderstanding. Under the statute creating the office of Controller, it is not necessary that it shall be held by a member of the cabinet, but neither is there anything to prevent a cabinet minister becoming as Controller the parliamentary head of the customs or the inland revenue service. It is said to be probable that at the coming session there will be legislation re-establishing the independent departments of Customs and Inland Revenue.

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S POSITION.

Considerable comment was made by citizens of Victoria last evening on what seemed to be generally regarded as unseemly attacks upon Lieutenant Governor Dewdney in the editorial and correspondence of the Times. These attacks were based upon Premier Bowell's message read at the Liberal-Conservative meeting the previous evening and published in the COLONIST of yesterday.

A gentleman whose statement may be implicitly accepted discussed this matter last evening. "The Lieutenant-Governor's position," he said, "makes it out of the question for him to enter into a controversy in the press, or I have no doubt he would speedily set himself right. His Honor has, in fact, made in private intercourse an explanation which should clear him from any imputation of political interference in any offensive sense. The facts as I gathered them, and as I feel free to state without impropriety, are very simple:

"The first announcement of Col. Prior's appointment was made rather ambiguously, no doubt because without the full explanations which came later it was not understood how he was to be a Controller and yet a Cabinet Minister. Mr. Dewdney being a Privy Councillor of long standing was naturally appealed to for information by many of those with whom he came in contact on Monday and Tuesday; and when he saw the conflict of statements in the press he telegraphed to his old colleague Sir Mackenzie Bowell to find out if the view he had taken and freely expressed was the correct one.

"The reply received from Sir Mackenzie Bowell was in accordance with the opinion already expressed by Mr. Dewdney, and as the Premier thought proper to wire also to his new colleague, the fact of the correspondence thus became public in a manner not contemplated by the Lieutenant-Governor, whose sole idea was to use the information for the benefit of all concerned. He did not for a moment suppose that any exception would be taken to his effort to obtain an explanation which he thought would be welcomed by both sides to the controversy.

WHAT A "CABINET" IS.

"Acquaintance with the constitutional qualification for cabinet office," continued this gentleman, "would have saved the Times from the exposure it has made of itself in three successive issues. The term 'cabinet' is applied to those members of the privy council who may be summoned by the Governor General to advise him in the government of the Dominion. In Canada "cabinet" and "ministry" are synonymous terms. When Col. Prior was called to the Privy Council, he became eligible for membership in the cabinet or ministry, and was without delay added to the list of those who with and without the charge of departments now constitute the advisers of His Excellency."

FIGHTING CUBANS.

Prominent Insurgent Leaders Calling for Assistance — Important Victories Achieved by the Government.

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—Late this evening it was stated that the insurgent forces under Gomez and Macco are in a critical situation during the course of their advance upon the province of Matanzas and are requesting other insurgent leaders to send them assistance. The insurgent army is now on the borders of the provinces of Matanzas and Santa Clara. It numbers about 6,000 men and is accompanied by about 100 mules with ammunition and dynamite. The insurgents also have two mountain guns with them. The report that Gomez had his horse shot under him at the battle of Malviempo is confirmed. The insurgents admit having lost 376 men in that engagement.

General Laque, between Rodas and San Marios, has defeated the insurgents under Cabrecco with heavy loss. The combined columns of troops commanded by General Canellas and Col. Bachuero, amounting to about 550 men in each command, consisting of the battalions Simancas and Lichna, in addition to a detachment of guerillas and civil guards with some artillery have fought and routed at Palmerito, Ramon, Taguas and Tortin, the insurgent forces commanded by Jose Macco, Boni and Periquito Perez, amounting to 3,000 well armed men thoroughly supplied with ammunition. The fighting is said to have lasted seven hours and the Spanish troops are reported to have captured the insurgent positions which were believed to be impregnable. The Spanish artillery did good work during the battle, and although the insurgents made a strong resistance, intending to penetrate into the zone on Guantanamo, they were defeated in this object and entirely routed, leaving on the field forty-six dead and getting off with 200 more of their killed and wounded. On the side of the troops Captain Juan Garcia, Lieutenants Bernalles and Fernando Acevedo, Dr. Potous and Veterinary Surgeon Castille were wounded, seventeen prisoners were killed and fifty-three were wounded.

Geo. McL. Brown, district passenger agent of the C.P.R., came over from the Mainland last evening; as did also C.B. Lockhart, formerly of this city but now a resident of the Terminal City.

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